



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2026**

### **Warm Space – Totland Village Hall**

Totland Parish Council, working in partnership with The Real Junk Food Project, is offering a Warm Space at Totland Village Hall (The Broadway) every Friday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Residents are warmly invited to drop in for a coffee and biscuit and to access food items from the Supermarket Surplus "pay as you feel" project. There is no need to book – just come along.

### **Totland Bay Post Office**

At the January Parish Council meeting, members agreed to continue supporting Totland Bay Post Office on its reduced opening schedule. We have now received confirmation that from 1st April 2026, the Post Office will open:

- **Monday, Tuesday and Friday**
- **8.00am – 12.30pm**
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The Parish Council would like to thank Action IW for their continued support.

### **Budget 2026/2027**

We are pleased to confirm that the Totland Parish Council Precept will not increase this year. The Council will continue supporting local groups, as residents have requested over the years, and is currently able to absorb rising utility costs.

### **Village Hall Update**

Refurbishment of the Village Hall has progressed well.

- The main hall is now ready for hire
- The foyer has been refreshed
- The kitchen area is available for tea and coffee service

Toilet facilities are currently available, with a full upgrade planned as part of Phase 2 of the works. We are pleased to confirm that our grant application to provide new toilets within the Hall extension has been successful. Plans are nearing completion and we hope to submit the planning application shortly.

If you would like to hire the Village Hall, please contact the Parish Office: [totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:totlandvillagehall@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We are also introducing an online booking system via the Parish Council website to make bookings easier for everyone.

### **Open Spaces**

The Christmas tree from the Village Hall has now been planted on Colwell Common. Due to very wet ground conditions, some works are currently delayed. However, we plan to continue with:

- Bench repairs
- Path surface repairs
- Handrail improvements down to the Esplanade as soon as conditions allow.

**Defibrillator Locations:** The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall, Colwell Public toilet block, Christ Church, St Saviours Church/School car park and Totland Parish Office. All are easily accessible 24/7.

**Photocopier Service:** We also offer photocopying in the Parish Office and with notice we can also laminate.

### **Freshwater and Totland Heritage Centre:**

The West Wight Heritage Centre needs the support of the community. They are appealing for financial help to secure their future and to preserve and share our local history for future generations. If you can help please drop into their shop on Avenue Road and speak with them.

**Recycling:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open Saturday, Sunday and Monday – You can take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away. You can book a same day slot.

**Help with recycling centre bookings: Contact information - Contact Waste and Environment [01983 823777](tel:01983823777)**

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 01983 756028

Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.

The parish office opening days and times are: Monday – Thursday 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Email: [clerk@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@totlandparishcouncil.gov.uk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: [chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk](mailto:chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk)

Telephone 0790 500 2834 Ward Councillor Surgeries are held in the office on a Thursday between 9am and 10am. Please check in advance to ensure this is going ahead should you wish to talk with Councillor Jarman.

Parish Council meetings commence at 6.00pm and remain the second Monday of the month subject to change, with no meetings held in August, October or December. Meeting location is now the Village Hall on The Broadway unless otherwise notified. The annual meeting of the Parish will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm with the ordinary monthly meeting following on after.

Your Parish Councillors': Chairman Gareth Wyre, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, Steve Blamire, Chris Jarman, Elaine Smith, Marcus Pipe and Carol Johnson.